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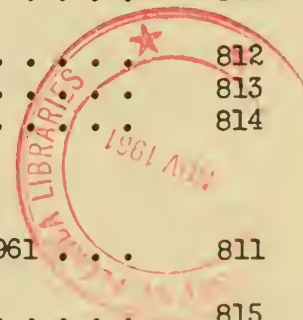
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 25¢ higher at most midwest markets, while cows held generally steady. Feeder cattle and calves were steady to strong. Barrows and gilts ranged steady to 25¢ lower, except at eastern Corn Belt terminals where sales were 50¢ to \$1.00 lower. Sows declined 25¢-\$1.50. Slaughter lambs sold 50¢ to \$1.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Prices for slaughter steers and heifers worked higher at midwest terminal markets despite a steady to 50¢ lower dressed beef trade. The advance developed largely in response to reduced marketings of slaughter steers and heifers and the previous week's higher dressed market. Slaughter steers and heifers ranged steady to 25¢ higher except heifers were 25¢ lower at Omaha and steady to 25¢ lower at Sioux City. Cows were generally steady, here again Omaha the exception, 25-50¢ lower. Bulls steady to 50¢ higher and vealers generally steady except St. Paul, one of the leading centers, \$2.00 lower. The 12 market supply was 4 percent above a week ago and the largest for any week since October of 1960. Good and Choice steers and heifers made up the bulk of the run at most centers with 13 percent of the steer supply at Chicago Prime.

Slaughter steers: Four loads Prime 1175-1350# \$26.25 at Chicago where most Choice and Prime 950-1400# sold from \$24.00-26.00 with Choice 1400-1525# \$23.75-24.50 and Choice 1750# \$23.00. At other midwest terminals Choice 850-1300# \$23.75-24.75, few mixed Choice and Prime \$24.75-25.00 and Choice 1350-1600# \$22.85-23.50. Good bulked at \$22.00-22.75, Standard \$20.50-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Mixed Choice and Prime brought \$24.00-24.25, load Prime 1025# \$24.40; bulk Choice \$22.50-23.75, Good 21.50-22.00, Standard \$19.00-21.50.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial ranged from \$14.50-16.00; Canner and Cutter \$12.00-14.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Supplies of feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were the largest thus far this year and for one of the very few times in recent months receipts approximated those of the corresponding week in 1960. Quality was at a seasonally high level. A liberal number of Choice grade was marketed and moderate numbers of mixed Choice and Fancy were offered. Yearling and two-year-old steers continued to predominate but calves made up a larger percent of the run than during any previous week this season, many coming from the northwest and western mountain areas. Favorable weather conditions, abundant supplies of grain feeds and in many areas fairly good late

pasture conditions all were factors tending to stimulate demand. Thus, even though supplies were liberal, trading generally was fairly active, mostly at steady to strong prices. At Sioux City steers over 800# sold steady to 50¢ lower while at other markets calves and light yearlings in some instances were 50¢ higher.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1000# sold from \$21.00-24.25, majority \$21.50-24.00. At Omaha three loads Choice 807# reached \$25.25. Medium and low-Good 750-950# brought \$19.00-21.75. Occasional shipments Choice or mixed Choice and Fancy 525-650# \$27.00-29.00; bulk Good and Choice 550-750# \$22.50-26.50.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice yearlings sold from \$21.00-24.75, most sales \$21.00-24.00. However, at Omaha Choice 628# reached \$25.00.

Feeder calves: Moderate number Choice and Fancy 300-450# steers \$32.25-35.25; many Choice \$29.00-32.00; Good and Choice \$24.00-28.50. Good and Choice heifers ranged \$22.50-28.00; moderate number Choice and Fancy heifers \$28.50-32.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - The volume of hog marketings held to much the same pattern as in recent weeks. Receipts numbered 339,000 at 12 markets, a shade over the previous week and 12 percent over a year ago. Another period of lower prices lengthened the stretch of declines to four consecutive weeks. Eastern markets, Chicago, St. Louis and Indianapolis, which were in a very favorable position in the preceding week, were the targets for the sharpest downturns in the current period. Wholesale pork prices were sharply lower and this contributed to the decline of live hogs which included sows as well as barrows and gilts.

Compared with previous week's close, barrows and gilts were largely steady to 25¢ lower, although sales at St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Chicago were 50¢-\$1.00 off. Sows were 25-75¢ lower, extremes \$1.00-1.50 off at Chicago and Indianapolis.

Shipping outlets at some of the Missouri River markets occasionally showed some improvement as hopes brightened over settlement of the Los Angeles labor dispute.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, most No. 1-3 190-260# sold at \$16.00-16.75 with No. 1-2, 190-240# \$16.85-17.00, a few reaching \$17.25 at Chicago.

Sows: No. 1-3, 250-400# \$14.50-16.00; No. 2-3 400-600# \$13.75-15.00.

Prices on feeder pigs were steady to strong at St. Paul and steady to 25¢ lower at Sioux City. At St. Paul Good and Choice feeders brought \$15.50-16.00 and \$15.00-15.75 at Sioux City.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota

area receipts at 369,000 head were about 8 percent short of the previous week, but around 17 percent more than a year ago. Late sales of barrows and gilts were unevenly steady to 25¢ lower with some of the early decline recovered late in the week. Sows, mostly steady.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts sold at \$15.65-16.25 with moderate volume mostly No. 1 and 2 from \$15.85-16.50. U. S. No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$14.25-15.50; 400-550# mostly \$12.75-14.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the twelve markets numbered 128,000 head, a slight reduction from the previous week and the corresponding period last year. Woolled slaughter lambs predominated at most centers; feeder lambs accounted for 20-50 percent of the lamb supply including Denver and Sioux City at the latter figure. Lower dressed lamb prices and seasonally broad numbers of slaughter lambs were bearish factors in the live trade and slaughter lambs declined 50¢-\$1.00 at most markets. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher. Feeder lambs were steady at most points, but 25-50¢ higher at Denver and steady to 25¢ lower at Sioux City.

Slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-115# woolled \$16.50-18.50, late sales mainly \$16.50-17.50. Good and Choice 80-110# woolled \$14.00-17.00 late. Choice and Prime 80-111# shorn offerings with No. 1-2 pelts finished the period at \$16.00-17.00; Good and Choice 80-113# \$15.00-16.50.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice woolled and shorn \$2.00-4.50.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 51-85# \$14.00-16.50, 2 loads 75# \$16.60 at Denver; Good and Choice 60-80# \$11.00-14.50.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 19,600 head, 5 percent less than a week earlier and 24 percent below a year ago. Slaughter lambs were weak to 50¢ lower, mainly 25-50¢ off; slaughter ewes were in short supply, unchanged.

Slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 85-110# woolled \$16.00-17.00 delivered to packing plants late with a limited volume of high-yielding \$17.25-17.50; Good and Choice 85-105# \$15.00-16.50, Choice and Prime 85-110# shorn lambs with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts, \$16.00-16.50 and a few high-yielding to \$17.00; Good and Choice \$15.00-16.00, few mainly Good \$14.50-15.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good mostly shorn \$2.00-3.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers sold moderately active, mostly steady to 25¢ lower. Small supplies of feeder cattle and calves held mostly steady. Slaughter lambs moderately active, steady.

Slaughter steers: California and Arizona, around 30 loads Good to mostly Choice 950-1070# \$24.50; loadlots comparable grades 1110-1300# \$23.50-24.00; Good and mostly Choice 925-1150# \$23.50-24.25; mostly Good 900-1100# \$22.60-23.25; Standard and Good 850-1100# \$22.50-22.90; Standard 900-1100# \$21.00-21.75.

Slaughter heifers: Loadlots mostly Choice, 750-1050# \$23.25-23.50; 16 loads Good and Choice 800-1050# \$22.00-23.00.

Feeders: Choice and Fancy 350-425# calves \$27.00-28.25 for steers, comparable heifers \$24.50-26.00; Good to Fancy, mostly Choice 350-450# steers \$25.00-26.00, heifers \$23.00-24.00; Good and mostly Choice 540# mixed yearling steers \$24.50, heifers \$22.50; Good and mostly Choice 550-700# steers \$22.50-24.25; Good and mostly Choice 560-750# heifers \$19.50-22.50.

Slaughter lambs: California: Eight loads mostly Choice shorn with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts 95-108# \$17.00; 2 loads Choice No. 1 and 2 pelts 95-100# \$16.50-16.75. In Utah, 5 loads Choice and Prime woolled 95-105# \$16.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle was moderately active early but slow late. Slaughter steers sold steady and slaughter heifers were mostly steady, a few late sales 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, load high-Choice 1200# \$24.75; 17 loads average and high-Choice 1075-1135# \$24.35-24.50; 160 loads mostly Choice 1050-1375# \$23.50-24.25; 12 loads high-Good and Choice 1050-1200# \$23.00-23.40.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 52 loads average and high-Choice 875-1050# \$23.60-23.75; 114 loads Choice 900-1000# \$22.75-23.50. Five loads average and high-Choice 975-1025# heifers \$23.75, 12 loads mostly Choice 925-1000# \$22.75-23.50.

Feeder cattle and calves: Fully steady to strong. Wyoming: Choice 580-785# steers \$23.50-25.50; few Choice 550-625# heifers \$23.50-24.25; Choice and Fancy 300-435# steer calves \$29.00-33.00, heifers \$27.00-29.00. Western Nebraska: Choice with a few Fancy 600-885# steers \$23.75-26.00; 2 loads Choice short yearling 575-600# steers \$26.00-27.00; Choice and Fancy 325-535# steer calves \$29.00-33.75, few 275-325# \$34.00-35.00; Choice and Fancy 300-450# heifer calves \$26.25-29.00, few 250-325# \$30.00. Colorado: Choice 625-750# steers \$23.50-24.50; Good to mostly Choice 575-650# heifers \$22.50-23.50.

Slaughter and feeder lambs: Slaughter lambs 50¢ to \$1.00 lower, feeder lambs fully steady to strong. Colorado: Choice and Prime 85-95# slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.50 delivered and weighed at packing plants and \$16.50-16.75 f.o.b. West Slope weighing point. Choice and Fancy, mostly Choice, 65-85# feeder lambs \$14.50-15.00. Wyoming: Choice and Fancy 62-75# white-face wether feeder lambs \$13.50-14.25.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Demand broad for slaughter cattle. Prices strong. Feeders slow, steady.

Slaughter steers: 600 Good to mostly Choice 1050-1100# \$23.50-23.75; 1,240 Good and Choice 996-1275# \$22.50-24.00; 90 Standard and Good 975# \$21.50.

Slaughter heifers: 430 Good and Choice 800-975# \$22.75-23.00, 420 Good 596-675# \$23.00.

Feeder cattle: 1,250 Choice 709-730# steers \$23.00-23.10, 1,250 Choice 600-650# steers \$23.00-24.50; 300 Medium and Good 650-700# \$20.00-21.00; 800 Choice 600-650# heifers \$22.00-22.10; 150 Good and Choice 625# \$21.50; 35 Medium 600# \$19.00.

Feeder calves: 2,200 Choice 330-400# steers \$29.00-30.50, heifers \$26.00-27.50; 250 Choice 450-475# steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00.

Lambs: Slaughter lambs steady; feeders slow, weak to mostly 50¢ lower. 800 Choice 95-100# woolled slaughter lambs \$14.00-14.50; in New Mexico 5,000 Choice and Fancy 75-80# feeders \$13.00-13.50, small slaughter end \$14.00; in Texas 4,000 Choice and Fancy 75-77# feeders \$13.00; 3,000 Choice 65-75# \$12.00; 6,000 Cull to Good 95-120# slaughter ewes \$4.00-4.50; 800 Choice yearling ewes \$19.00 per head.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers steady to 25¢ higher, heifers 25-50¢ higher, feeder cattle steady to 50¢ higher, calves little changed.

Slaughter steers: 148 Choice 1075-1100# \$23.75, 57 mostly Good 1,075# \$22.75.

Slaughter heifers: 660 mostly Choice 872-1000# \$22.85-23.25, 166 Good 792-900# \$22.25-22.50; 75 mostly Good 925-975# mixed steers and heifers \$22.50-23.00.

Feeders: 3,700 Good and Choice 520-814# feeder steers \$22.25-23.50; 525 Good to mostly Choice 600-700# heifers \$22.00-23.00.

Feeder calves: 350 Choice and Fancy 450-475# steers \$27.50, heifers \$25.50; 400 Good and Choice 400# steers \$27.00-28.00, heifers \$25.00-26.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, mostly steady, instances 25-50¢ lower in Washington and Idaho. Good demand for feeders, mostly steady. Slaughter lambs steady to strong.

Slaughter steers: Washington, high-Good

to mostly Choice 1000-1225# \$24.00-24.50, Choice 1375# \$23.50, Standard 1100# \$20.00-21.00. Idaho, mostly Choice 1000-1075# \$23.50-24.00, Good and Choice 1125# \$23.25. Northwest Montana, mostly Choice 1060-1100# \$22.50-23.00, mostly Good 975-1150# \$21.50-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington, high-Good to mostly Choice 850-950# \$23.00-23.25. Oregon, mostly Choice 850-1000# \$23.00-23.75 delivered. Idaho, Good to mostly Choice 850-925# \$23.00. Northwest Montana, mostly Choice 950-975# \$22.25.

Feeders: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Good and Choice 400-475# mixed feeder calves, steers \$25.00-27.00, heifers \$23.00-24.00, string 290# \$27.25 straight. Good and Choice 500-510# short yearlings, and heavy calves, steers \$24.00, heifers \$22.00. Good and Choice 800# feeder steers \$23.00, 620-700# heifers \$21.00-21.75.

Slaughter lambs: Washington and Idaho, Choice and Prime 100-111# woolled \$15.70-16.75, shorn with No. 1 pelts \$14.70-15.50. Oregon, Choice and Prime 95-110# woolled and No. 1 and fall shorn \$15.50-17.25, mostly \$16.50-17.25 delivered Washington.

Slaughter ewes: Oregon and Idaho, Cull to Good No. 1 pelt to full woolled \$3.75-4.00.

Breeding ewes: Good and Choice yearlings \$18.50 per head.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Generally light precipitation early in the week with liberal amounts in north central Montana.

Cattle: Feeder cattle and calves sold on a fully steady basis with the volume very limited.

Feeders: Western Montana, a total of around 300 head of Choice steers averaging 625-650# sold at \$23.75, with some 700-725# averages at \$23.00. Southwestern Montana, around 100 high-Good and Choice 650-700# sold with steers \$23.50 and heifers \$21.50; small lots mostly Good. Stock cows in Montana \$175.00-185.00 per head.

Feeder calves: Eastern Montana, around 250 Choice and Fancy around 400# mixed calves \$30.00 for both steers and heifers. Scattering Choice 325-375# steer calves \$28.50-29.00, heifers \$26.00-27.00. Western half of Montana, around 800 mostly Choice 350-425# steers \$28.00-29.00, heifers \$26.00-27.00.

Sheep: Fully steady on all classes.

Feeder lambs: Eastern Montana, 1,000 Choice 65-70# ewe lambs \$14.00; 10,000 Choice 65-80# mixed ewe and wether lambs \$13.50-13.75 delivered to feedlots in eastern Montana. Western Montana, 500 Good to mostly Choice 65-75# lambs \$13.00. Northern Wyoming, 1,500 Choice 60-80# lambs \$13.50-13.75; 2,000 Choice 60-75# \$14.00-14.50 delivered to Wyoming feedlots. Breeding ewes: Western Montana, 1,000 Good and Choice 130-145# 2 and 3-year-old \$14.00-15.00 per head. Northern Wyoming, 600 Medium quality aged-ewes \$6.00 per head.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	38,784	42,088	431	226	37,841	35,293	4,642	8,360
Cincinnati	3,999	3,808	582	634	10,876	10,422	1,644	1,496
Denver	15,099	13,548	1,791	1,007	3,662	3,614	40,530	33,537
Fort Worth	10,360	10,844	1,185	1,676	1,433	2,113	4,968	5,707
Indianapolis ..	8,530	7,555	817	929	35,769	29,352	3,839	3,792
Kansas City ...	26,785	27,701	3,714	2,183	15,695	13,462	6,972	3,930
Oklahoma City .	14,668	10,406	4,299	3,118	3,426	3,020	1,174	1,077
Omaha	44,635	42,715	3,986	5,071	48,367	36,484	16,361	17,987
St. Joseph	18,266	16,084	1,045	1,293	29,097	25,428	5,684	8,349
St. Louis NSY .	15,968	18,445	2,013	3,242	55,428	52,947	5,178	5,579
Sioux City	37,683	32,234	8,259	8,482	43,799	36,673	10,906	12,838
S. St. Paul ...	25,477	25,326	10,136	12,013	53,750	52,726	25,922	31,081
Total	260,254	250,754	38,258	39,874	339,143	301,534	127,820	133,733
" Oct. 14, 1961	249,486		29,974		326,970		129,353	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -			Oct. 21, 1961	Oct. 14, 1961	Oct. 22, 1960
Hogs			369,000	399,000	316,000*
Revised, Sheep			19,600	20,700	25,800

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Three months	
	Oct. 19	Oct. 12	Oct. 20	Sept.	Sept.	July-Sept.	
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 100# up	336	489	430	1,483	2,848	4,493	5,793
901-1000	1,797	2,243	2,175	8,857	9,544	21,434	21,236
801-900	5,650	5,399	4,805	18,778	20,962	47,827	45,748
701-800	12,024	11,054	11,852	28,431	35,043	65,101	72,012
501-700	20,326	20,551	21,265	55,282	79,333	132,093	160,610
Total steers 10 markets....	40,133	39,736	40,527	112,831	147,730	270,948	305,399
Av. wt. " " "	704#	704#	703#	713#	706#	713#	705#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.44	\$23.26	\$22.00	\$23.05	\$21.58	\$22.65	\$21.46
" " " Chicago	22.55	23.38	23.54	22.95	22.17	22.58	22.79
" " " Kansas City...	23.69	22.69	22.17	22.61	20.91	22.58	21.17
" " " Omaha	24.52	24.61	23.12	24.06	23.01	23.54	22.71
" " " S. St. Paul...	21.07	20.97	20.92	21.14	21.47	20.67	20.94
" " " Sioux City....	23.83	23.84	22.95	23.91	23.07	23.51	23.05
" " " Denver	23.99	24.25	23.12	23.57	22.55	23.24	22.39
" " " Ft. Worth	22.04	21.93	19.27	22.11	18.95	21.97	19.94
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.58	21.49	19.51	22.33	19.36	21.80	19.82
" " " S. St. Joseph.	22.15	21.82	19.88	22.75	20.51	22.37	20.75
" " " St. Louis NSY.	21.68	21.19	18.98	22.10	20.43	21.95	20.84
Total calves - 10 markets..	31,155	29,857	35,564	55,989	67,438	138,068	190,732
" heifers " "	6,972	6,237	6,725	21,106	27,345	52,745	54,951
" cows " "	2,322	1,307	1,197	4,586	2,822	9,287	8,536

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago City	Kan- sas City	S. St. :Omaha :City	S. St. :Joseph :NSY	St. :Louis :NSY	Sioux :City	S.St. :Paul	Indian- :apolis	Den- :ver	Ft. :Worth	Okla. :City	Wich- :ita	San :Antonio
Stockers and feeders													
Oct. 20, 1961	3	58	24	18	20	34	20	12	50	70	80	62	55
Oct. 13, 1961	3	56	28	14	15	33	18	10	25	70	72	65	50
Oct. 21, 1960	2	60	30	16	15	32	25	13	42	65	77	62	60
Slaughter cows													
Oct. 20, 1961	5	7	7	7	14	4	15	10	15	20	11	15	15
Oct. 13, 1961	4	7	6	4	15	4	17	14	11	15	14	11	18
Oct. 21, 1960	5	9	8	8	16	7	15	10	20	15	13	14	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Oct. 19 1961	Oct. 20 1960	Oct. 19 1961	Oct. 20 1960	Oct. 19 1961	Oct. 20 1960	Oct. 19 1961	Oct. 20 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,707	4,458	13.1	15.4	1,255	1,251	25.46	25.56
Choice.....	19,022	18,996	67.1	65.5	1,176	1,168	24.69	24.64
Good.....	5,050	4,940	17.8	17.0	1,098	1,066	23.74	23.70
Standard.....	504	473	1.8	1.6	1,048	971	21.76	21.57
Commercial.....	2	--	.0	--	1,502	--	21.00	--
Utility.....	68	132	.2	.5	1,008	978	19.92	19.75
All grades.....	28,353	28,999			1,170	1,159	24.58	24.58
OMAHA								
Prime.....	401	223	2.2	1.4	1,170	1,161	24.88	24.97
Choice.....	10,280	8,269	57.5	53.7	1,139	1,154	23.92	23.92
Good.....	6,525	6,014	36.4	39.0	1,060	1,080	22.90	22.48
Standard.....	673	779	3.8	5.1	1,064	1,081	20.79	19.95
Utility.....	11	117	.1	.8	1,005	978	19.47	18.40
All grades.....	17,890	15,402			1,108	1,120	23.47	23.17
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	625	41	4.4	.3	1,248	1,074	24.42	25.41
Choice.....	7,945	6,656	56.3	56.2	1,152	1,148	23.77	23.87
Good.....	4,992	4,632	35.3	39.1	1,082	1,071	23.04	22.61
Standard.....	480	468	3.4	4.0	1,065	1,037	21.34	20.28
Utility.....	81	46	.6	.4	992	941	19.86	17.67
All grades.....	14,123	11,843			1,128	1,113	23.45	23.25
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	47	19	.9	.4	1,206	1,075	24.87	26.00
Choice.....	2,043	2,102	37.9	42.2	1,115	1,125	24.27	23.80
Good.....	2,396	2,228	44.4	44.7	1,066	1,106	23.36	22.57
Standard.....	635	581	11.8	11.7	1,071	1,074	21.57	19.37
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	273	50	5.0	1.0	1,013	1,035	19.88	17.04
All grades.....	5,394	4,980			1,084	1,109	23.36	22.70
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	23	--	.5	--	1,158	--	26.50
Choice.....	1,354	852	26.6	16.9	1,083	1,081	24.62	24.98
Good.....	3,197	3,588	62.9	71.1	1,013	1,046	23.54	23.62
Standard.....	492	406	9.7	8.0	966	972	21.72	20.85
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	42	175	.8	3.5	893	914	19.12	17.74
All grades.....	5,085	5,044			1,026	1,042	23.64	23.49
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	41	--	.6	--	1,236	--	25.00	--
Choice.....	3,971	3,251	54.2	50.0	1,109	1,128	24.07	24.00
Good.....	2,575	2,907	35.2	44.6	1,068	1,083	23.17	22.55
Standard.....	731	350	10.0	5.4	1,064	1,014	21.32	19.69
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	7,318	6,508			1,091	1,102	23.50	23.15
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,135	1,238	75.8	65.1	1,115	1,169	23.94	24.44
Good.....	302	618	20.2	32.5	1,070	1,082	22.93	23.24
Standard.....	60	33	4.0	1.7	1,109	1,081	19.74	18.12
Utility.....	--	14	--	.7	--	901	--	16.00
All grades.....	1,497	1,903			1,106	1,137	23.57	23.91

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	13,910	15,006	12,000	11,421	49,114	54,503	39,289	46,790
Baltimore, Philadelphia	9,961	8,694	2,095	2,094	36,857	29,405	4,523	3,882
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	20,910	19,689	1,391	5,530	118,533	123,108	6,465	14,900
Chicago Area	16,862	18,455	9,996	8,045	43,418	33,679	6,131	6,317
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	30,799	31,861	22,271	24,522	125,134	111,387	23,003	27,607
St. Louis Area	11,435	13,580	1,885	2,723	82,346	69,724	6,046	4,714
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	33,535	22,517	--	--	116,259	98,608	13,503	18,867
Omaha Area	42,026	37,396	174	201	101,368	77,667	17,357	16,681
Kansas City	15,218	16,062	--	--	38,107	31,028	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	36,563	35,215	9,565	10,976	338,175	311,534	39,618	38,898
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	8,422	8,352	4,297	4,758	55,406	54,133	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	11,535	9,020	5,180	6,180	25,577	27,282	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,898	29,452	896	1,098	54,611	43,617	11,123	9,790
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio .	12,962	14,207	4,894	5,320	19,760	13,760	35,303	28,553
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	23,779	20,064	202	241	15,416	14,475	53,322	33,788
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	13,799	29,556	574	1,232	9,336	27,506	32,799	36,927
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	9,103	8,867	248	594	19,328	16,346	7,976	7,593
Total	331,717		75,668		1,248,745		296,458	
		337,993		84,935		1,137,762		295,307
Accumulation to date	13,185,273		2,600,005		44,561,614		11,340,356	
		12,907,800		2,890,401		46,065,382		10,323,470

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	Num- ber	Prod.	meat	lard
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Oct. 21, 1961	410	239.4	120	13.4	1,445	196.1	315	14.2	463.1	--
Oct. 14, 1961	415	243.2	115	13.2	1,450	197.6	330	14.8	468.8	--
Sept. 30, 1961 1/.....	419	--	118	--	1,323	--	326	--	--	41.6
Oct. 22, 1960 1/.....	406	234.4	123	14.2	1,307	175.7	321	15.5	439.8	42.0

Percentage change from:

Oct. 14, 1961	-1	-2	4	2	0	-1	-5	-4	-1	--
Oct. 22, 1960	1	2	-2	-6	11	12	-2	-8	5	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)									
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard	
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	yield per 100 lb.	
Oct. 21, 1961	1015	584	200	112	234	136	92	45	--	
Oct. 14, 1961	1020	586	205	115	235	136	93	45	--	
Sept. 30, 1961	1020	586	205	115	235	136	93	45	--	
Oct. 22, 1960	1008	581	207	114	237	138	96	46	13.5	

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
	21	22	21	22	21	22	21	22	21	22
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	25.38	25.72	--	--	25.00	25.20	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	25.58	25.60	--	--	25.00	25.10	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	24.72	24.78	24.85	24.45	24.05	24.05	23.98	24.28	24.75	24.38
1100-1300	24.88	24.42	24.50	24.22	24.12	23.98	23.85	24.28	--	--
Good 900-1100	23.40	23.28	23.62	22.08	22.75	22.18	21.98	21.15	23.25	23.12
Standard - All wts.	21.50	21.58	21.50	19.20	21.25	19.92	19.50	18.25	20.50	20.50
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	23.50	23.65	23.88	23.22	23.12	22.90	23.35	23.45	23.62	22.62
Good 600-800	--	--	22.62	21.28	21.75	20.90	--	20.82	22.00	21.75
Standard - All wts.	20.25	19.75	20.50	18.75	20.00	18.75	18.45	17.25	19.00	19.25
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.25	14.82	16.50	15.60	16.10	15.25	--	--	15.50	16.50
Utility	15.10	14.28	15.75	14.45	15.15	13.98	15.55	14.80	14.62	15.00
Cutter	14.38	13.20	14.72	13.10	13.90	12.75	14.10	12.90	12.38	12.50
Canner	13.05	11.55	13.45	11.25	12.95	11.72	12.98	11.42	10.62	10.12
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	17.00	17.15	16.88	14.88	17.25	16.75	--	--	--	--
Utility	18.05	17.40	17.12	15.72	17.38	16.50	19.00	18.50	18.75	19.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	21.95	19.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	20.45	18.00	--	--	--	--	21.00	21.50
Standard	--	--	18.55	16.00	--	--	--	--	19.00	19.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	--	25.00	24.50	22.00	24.00	21.50	--	--	26.50	26.56
Good	--	23.00	22.00	20.00	22.25	19.25	--	--	24.25	25.00
Standard	--	19.50	19.00	17.50	19.75	16.50	--	--	21.00	21.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.12	25.50	25.50	24.25	25.75	24.62	25.50	24.12	23.50	22.00
Good 500-800	24.25	23.00	23.75	21.88	23.50	22.25	21.50	22.88	22.25	20.00
Medium 500-1000	22.00	20.25	21.12	19.50	21.00	19.38	18.75	19.75	19.00	18.50
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.25	22.00	24.25	22.75	23.50	22.12	--	20.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.50	19.25	20.50	19.50	20.00	20.00	18.00	17.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	--	14.38	16.25	14.25	17.00	13.75	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.88	26.05	28.25	26.75	28.65	25.00	24.00	22.50
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.00	22.75	26.50	24.75	26.70	23.50	21.50	20.50

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended		Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Eight mths. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Oct. 21, 1961	16.86	16.69	16.16	16.36	16.25	16.25	16.20	16.95	16.48
	Oct. 14, 1961	17.90	17.75	16.91	16.98	16.82	17.00	16.84	18.01	17.26
	Oct. 22, 1960	17.18	17.06	16.64	16.76	16.59	16.57	16.37	17.20	16.80
Sows	Oct. 21, 1961	14.64	14.78	15.18	15.14	15.12	15.10	14.74	14.84	14.92
	Oct. 14, 1961	15.69	15.75	15.94	15.76	15.76	15.94	15.33	15.90	15.70
	Oct. 22, 1960	14.11	14.44	14.61	14.49	14.14	14.43	14.28	14.40	14.35
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Oct. 21, 1961	221	220	227	227	226	226	225	221	224
	Oct. 14, 1961	221	220	229	225	225	224	225	220	224
	Oct. 22, 1960	226	220	229	230	230	226	226	224	226
Sows	Oct. 21, 1961	423	414	408	416	410	384	402	429	412
	Oct. 14, 1961	409	410	409	405	403	394	399	427	406
	Oct. 22, 1960	427	386	412	414	411	385	395	443	408
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Oct. 21, 1961	31531	50768	13828	40070	38154	25248	38820	29361	267780
	Oct. 14, 1961	27086	44558	17538	39231	35738	23194	42237	23960	253542
	Oct. 22, 1960	28480	47215	11873	29750	32264	22129	39028	23907	234646
Sows	Oct. 21, 1961	3044	3530	1289	5442	3732	2325	5578	4017	28957
	Oct. 14, 1961	3467	3411	1142	5900	4521	2393	6141	3164	30139
	Oct. 22, 1960	3013	4263	1085	4541	2987	2287	5826	3730	27732
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
	Oct. 21, 1961	9	6	9	12	9	8	12	12	10
	Oct. 14, 1961	11	7	6	13	11	9	13	12	11
	Oct. 22, 1960	10	8	8	13	8	9	13	13	11

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Oct. 21, 1961	\$18.27	\$16.94	\$1.33
Oct. 14, 1961	19.21	17.95	1.26
Oct. 22, 1960	18.93	17.30	1.63

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Oct. 21, 1961	16.86	111.3	15.1
Oct. 14, 1961	17.90	110.1	16.3
Oct. 22, 1960	17.18	108.7	15.8

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Oct. 21, 1961	18.10	17.22	16.95	--	17.55	16.78	16.62
	Oct. 22, 1960	18.80	18.30	17.85	--	18.95	16.65	--
Choice	Oct. 21, 1961	17.22	16.30	16.20	16.00	16.62	16.08	16.38
	Oct. 22, 1960	18.30	17.68	17.25	16.75	17.72	15.85	16.75
Good	Oct. 21, 1961	15.65	14.92	15.28	15.00	15.50	14.78	15.00
	Oct. 22, 1960	16.75	16.40	15.88	16.50	16.38	14.85	16.00
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good &	Oct. 21, 1961	4.25*	3.88*	3.32*	5.75*	4.42*	4.60*	4.50
Choice	Oct. 22, 1960	4.50	3.75	3.50*	--	4.62*	3.50*	4.25
Cull &	Oct. 21, 1961	4.00*	3.62*	2.65*	4.75*	3.38*	3.32*	3.75
Utility	Oct. 22, 1960	4.38	3.50	2.50*	5.12*	3.38*	2.25*	3.25
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good &	Oct. 21, 1961	--	14.08	--	11.50	15.56	14.05	13.25
Choice	Oct. 22, 1960	--	15.75	--	13.45	16.15	14.50	14.50

*Shorn basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
September 1961 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
N. Atlantic States	116	125	142	129	492	470	165	187
S. Atlantic States	52	49	47	47	281	284	1/	1/
N. C. States - Eastern	263	299	118	158	1,101	1,184	77	102
N. C. States - N. Western ..	588	568	47	52	2,089	2,043	362	371
N. C. States - S. Western ..	163	183	11	20	489	458	63	70
S. Central States	196	205	64	80	492	430	161	155
Mountain States	126	127	2	2	88	99	290	239
Pacific States	209	226	23	25	208	198	169	198
Total	1,712	1,782	456	514	5,240	5,165	1,286	1,323

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): September 1961, horses 5,288; goats 19,630; September 1960, horses 4,458; goats 13,358.

1/ Data not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer carcass prices were steady to 75¢ higher. Cow beef, veal and calf sold steady; lamb steady to \$1.00 lower, except at New York where prices closed \$1.50-3.00 lower; pork loins \$1.00-4.00 off, bulk \$2.00-3.00 lower. Price declines of \$1.00-2.00 were recorded for Boston butts and spareribs; fresh skinned hams steady.

Prices for Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were mostly 50¢ higher; veal and calf steady. Kosher lamb prices declined \$2.00-4.00. Retailers absorbed normal requirements of steer beef, veal and calf, but outlet was very poor for lamb.

Receipts of steer beef and lamb were normal; cow beef moderate; veal, calf and pork moderate to mostly normal. Trading was particularly slow for steer beef at New York and Philadelphia with demand poor for most carcasses and cuts. At other markets, however, outlet was moderate. Little difficulty was encountered in moving veal and calf as clearance was normal along the Eastern Seaboard. The lamb trade was moderately active except at New York where carcasses of lamb were liberally shown at the close. On early sessions retailer demand was poor for pork loins, but around Wednesday and thereafter the trade was active and substantial early price declines on loins were partly recovered late in the period. Other fresh pork cuts moved fairly well. Moderate supplies of steer beef and lamb were unsold at New York.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef closed steady to weak, veal steady to \$1.00 lower, lamb steady to 50¢ lower, pork loins 50¢-\$1.00 lower, Boston butts \$2.00-2.50 lower, spareribs steady. Beef and lamb were offered in normal volume for the week with bulk grading Choice to low-Prime, comparatively small portion grading Good. Normal fresh pork supply at the outset decreased to moderate proportions Wednesday. Veal supplies were moderate.

Demand for carcass beef only moderate at best and trading was generally rather slow. Arm and squarecut chucks and rounds were not nearly as active as during the previous week, however, movement for the most part was satisfactory. Ribs found fairly broad demand. Loins were on the draggy side but fabricated cuts were in fair demand and kept inventories from becoming burdensome. Veal trade was rather slow but sellers were able to hold the price line. A moderately

active lamb trade slowed late in the week and this along with narrow demand for most primal cuts influenced lower prices. From midweek on, lamb stews and shoulders found fairly broad outlet. Fresh pork trade generally slow, however, early declines mostly recovered late as supplies decreased.

PACIFIC COAST - Carcass steer and heifer beef sold mostly steady; however, Good steer and Choice heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower in Los Angeles, steady in San Francisco and steady to 50¢ lower in the Portland-Seattle area. Calf and veal went untested in Los Angeles but was about steady at other points. Cow beef mostly steady in San Francisco, steady to 50¢ lower at Los Angeles and weak to \$1.00 lower in the Northwest. Lamb was steady in California, weak to 25¢ lower elsewhere. Fresh pork loins were \$1.00-3.00 lower in California; other pork cuts mostly steady all areas; sliced bacon \$1.00-4.00 lower; hams weak to \$2.00 lower in the Northwest, other cured cuts held about steady.

Trading was active for steer and heifer beef in Los Angeles, supplies most meats generally plentiful except Standard steer carcasses very scarce. Trading was slow in the Portland-Seattle area, moderately active in San Francisco; cow beef rather slow.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Steer and heifer beef prices declined under narrow demand. Trading was slow all week. Supplies were fully normal.

At the close, steer beef was steady to 50¢ lower except Choice 800-900# carcasses were 50¢ to \$1.00 lower at Philadelphia. Heifer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower. Cow beef was steady to 75¢ higher. Heifer beef supplies were well cleared at shipping centers but steer beef clearance only fair.

Carcass lamb prices declined sharply under poor demand. Prices were \$1.00-2.00 lower. Clearance on lamb was only fair.

Supplies of pork were moderately increased over the previous week. Pork loins at Chicago sold \$1.00-1.75 higher. At Omaha prices were \$1.00-1.50 lower. Pork butts sold 50¢-\$3.00 lower, mostly 50¢-\$2.50 off. Fresh hams at Omaha were \$1.00-1.50 lower. Pork carcasses sold \$1.00-1.50 lower at New York and Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 21	Oct. 22
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	42.70	42.85	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	42.20	41.75	40.50	41.70	40.50	39.50	41.00	39.00
	700-800	41.70	41.35	40.00	40.40	39.50	37.38	39.25	37.44
Good	500-600	40.70	40.40	39.00	39.87	39.50	38.00	40.00	37.00
	600-700	41.20	40.35	39.00	39.87	38.50	36.25	39.12	36.00
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	39.25	40.05	39.25	39.00	41.19	38.50
	600-700	--	--	39.25	40.05	39.00	37.00	40.19	37.44
Good	500-600	--	--	37.50	38.55	37.75	--	--	36.00
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	58.00	54.00	56.75	51.75	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.50	49.00	51.25	49.25	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	44.50	40.50	46.75	44.37	51.50	49.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	40.05	42.85	39.94	41.25	38.00	--	40.00	40.50
Choice	45-55	40.05	42.60	39.94	41.25	38.00	40.00	40.00	40.50
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	49.80	50.80	46.00	47.85	51.30	55.75	51.94	51.75
Butts	4-8	37.85	38.30	33.75	35.50	41.00	43.75	40.75	40.75
Spareribs	3# down	41.30	42.80	36.50	37.50	43.50	48.00	47.88	--
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	45.50	45.00	47.25	52.50	47.00	47.50	48.50	47.50
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		56.00	48.00	53.00	52.00	56.00	52.75	56.50	51.88
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	32.50	33.50	34.75	34.00	35.00	31.50	33.00	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		14.00	14.00	14.25	14.50	17.75	17.00	17.50	15.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED OCT. 20, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	38.50-39.00	37.50	37.75-38.25	40.50-41.00	40.00-41.00
	700-800	38.00-38.50	37.50-37.75	37.75	40.00-41.00	39.50-40.50
	800-900	37.25-37.75	36.50-36.75	36.75	39.00-40.00	38.00-39.25
Good	500-600	37.00-37.50	--	--	38.00-40.00	--
	600-700	37.00-37.50	35.50-37.50	36.25-37.25	38.00-40.00	38.00-39.50
	700-800	37.00-37.50	35.50-37.00	35.75-36.25	38.00-40.00	37.50-39.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	37.00-37.50	37.25-38.50	36.25-36.50	--	--
	600-700	37.00-37.50	36.00-37.25	36.25-36.50	--	39.00-39.50
Good	500-600	36.00-36.50	36.50	35.25-35.75	--	--
	600-700	36.00-36.50	36.25	35.25-35.75	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.50-29.25	28.50-29.50	28.00-28.25	--	28.50-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.25-29.00	--	27.50-27.75	--	27.50-28.50
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	35.00-36.00	--	--	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.50
	45-55	35.00-36.00	--	--	37.50-38.50	37.00-37.50
	55-65	35.00-36.00	--	--	37.50-38.50	--
Choice	35-45	35.00-36.00	34.00-36.00	34.25-34.75	37.00-38.00	37.00-37.50
	45-55	35.00-36.00	34.00-35.50	34.25-34.75	37.50-38.50	37.00-37.50
	55-65	35.00-36.00	34.00-35.50	--	37.50-38.50	--
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	44.50-45.00	--	44.00-44.50	--	47.00-47.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Slowness dominated the entire wool picture with trading very limited in all channels. Sales consisted of only scattered lots. Easiness permeated the general price structure with current sales edging the low quotation in all instances. Demand was poor throughout for the small supplies.

Much interest focused on sealed bid sale to be held at Portland, Oregon on October 25 where approximately one million pounds, both graded and original bag territory wools will be on sale. Around two and one-half million pounds are scheduled for sealed bid sale November 1 at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Midweek cables from Australia showed prices fully 1¢ lower. Sydney and Adelaide offered a good selection of topmaking Merino wools and there was generally good competition with Japan and the Continent dominating and England active after Wednesday. Reports from New Zealand showed very unsettled condition at Dunedin which opened on October 18 with good competition but sales confined to carpet wools and specialty lots. Japan and Eastern Europe were the principals with Bradford abstaining. In South Africa there was moderate activity at East London and Capetown and prices unchanged. South American markets were very quiet.

Fleece Wools - Sales of fleece wools were very limited in the Boston market. Some Delaine equivalent to a carload was sold at around \$1.20-1.22.

Territory Wools - No sales were reported for the current week.

Texas Wools - Trading on Texas wools was limited at steady prices.

Mohair - No sales were confirmed for current period.

Foreign Wools - Trading was extremely dull with limited imported business. Prices for the main were around 2¢ lower and turnover comparable to last week as odd lots fine topmaking wools made up majority transacted. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

New Zealand Oil-combed

72 -	\$.96	834 -	\$.83
79 -	.93	100 -	.80
86 -	.88	114 -	.75
93 -	.84	128 -	.73

Carpet Wools - Trading was virtually at a standstill and most mills were out of the market for the second consecutive week. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clips were offered at 72½-73¢ clean fibers present for shipment. New Zealand carpet fleece wools were quoted at 77¢ and 702/3 crutchings at 69-70¢, all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Shorn Foreign

64s Aust. fleeces	\$1.02	clean in bond
60/64s Aust. fleeces	.98	clean in bond
Aust. 10x	.86	

Wool Tops - The wool tops market was very slow and only scattered lots, mainly fine tops, moved at weak prices. Quotes follow:

Warp Aust. D/C	Warp Dom. D/C
70s -	\$1.89 N \$1.83
64s -	1.86 N 1.76
62s -	1.79 N 1.68
60s -	1.71 N 1.61
58s -	1.64 N 1.51

Oil-combed	Territory	Fleece
58/60s -	--	--
56s -	\$1.48	\$1.46
50/56s -	1.46	1.44
48/50s -	--	--

(N - Nominal)

South Africa	
Oil-combed	Scoured yields
7 -	\$1.01
47 -	.99
48 -	.98
52 -	.98
53 -	.97
22 -	\$.98
27 -	.96
32 -	.93
37 -	.90
Australia	
Oil-combed	
77B -	\$1.01
78B -	.99
79 -	\$.93
80B -	.92

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Oct. 19, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

October wool tops - \$1.61 (Bid)
 December wool tops - 1.595 (Bid)
 64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
 October wool - \$1.17
 December wool - 1.182
 64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended -			
	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
	9	16	23	30
	1961	1961	1961	1961
	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>	<u>1,000#</u>
Placed in cure -				
Beef <u>1/</u>	2,898	3,254	3,637	3,437
Pork <u>1/</u>	53,894	68,111	61,162	65,682
Other <u>1/</u>	42	32	75	29
Smoked and / or dried -				
Beef <u>1/</u>	692	772	1,396	858
Pork <u>1/</u>	41,839	50,353	47,103	50,762
Cooked meat -				
Beef.	874	1,171	1,206	1,226
Pork.	3,396	4,639	4,363	4,464
Other	62	96	95	90
Sausage -				
Fresh finished.	4,019	4,699	5,005	5,495
To be dried or semi-dried	1,991	2,777	2,935	2,788
Franks, wieners	12,111	13,166	13,053	12,859
Other, smoked or cooked .	12,473	15,006	13,902	14,797
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	3,553	4,458	4,262	4,442
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	10,887	13,470	13,024	13,447
Meat extract.	17	31	13	54
Sliced bacon <u>1/</u>	19,407	20,124	18,129	19,437
Sliced, other <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>	6,149	7,610	7,626	7,507
Hamburger	4,387	5,762	5,736	6,091
Miscellaneous meat product.	4,299	5,604	6,036	6,462
Lard, rendered	30,241	38,201	36,546	39,881
Lard, refined	23,837	28,580	26,243	32,212
Oleo stock	1,264	1,532	1,601	1,523
Edible tallow	7,914	8,820	8,059	8,955
Rendered pork fat -				
Rendered	1,320	1,711	1,567	1,695
Refined	561	838	632	806
Compound containing animal fat	15,508	17,875	18,993	18,111
Oleomargarine " " "	3,437	4,162	3,268	3,674
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	28,397	38,015	36,770	38,534
Total <u>1/</u>	295,470	360,871	342,438	365,317

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Branch, Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended - 1961							
	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30	Under 3 lb.	Under 3 lb.	Under 3 lb.	Under 3 lb.
	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#	or over 1,000#
Canned product (For civilian use only)								
Luncheon meat	2,652	1,629	3,425	2,211	3,229	2,360	3,386	3,159
Canned hams	3,540	50	4,965	93	4,940	81	5,961	128
Corned beef hash	110	1,207	200	957	141	925	120	1,139
Chili con carne	405	2,405	278	4,767	475	5,187	414	4,266
Viennas	66	905	100	1,132	82	1,173	78	1,196
Franks, wieners in brine . .	1	7	1	9	1	52	--	98
Deviled ham	--	204	--	190	--	171	--	127
Other potted or deviled meat food products	--	304	--	407	--	591	--	613
Tamales	62	575	82	857	191	553	13	977
Sliced dried beef	4	48	49	89	8	54	7	52
Chopped beef	--	110	4	85	--	270	--	62
Meat stew (all products) . .	47	1,978	98	1,845	151	1,490	155	1,461
Spaghetti meat products . .	74	2,038	89	2,170	63	1,522	144	2,301
Tongue (other than pickled) .	5	16	9	13	11	18	18	21
Vinegar pickled products . .	153	231	176	263	205	278	210	302
Bulk sausage	--	28	--	46	--	84	--	97
Hamburger, rst. or corned beef, meat & gravy	119	500	174	586	235	1,210	212	1,469
Soups	247	3,133	313	5,040	623	2,791	512	4,275
Sausage in oil	80	67	130	43	87	88	141	87
Tripe	4	56	--	98	--	110	--	63
Brains	--	34	--	53	--	44	--	52
Canned loins and picnics . .	497	23	698	37	543	8	670	86
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -								
20% or more	273	1,045	311	1,315	264	1,552	272	1,217
Less than 20%	195	2,672	491	3,311	304	3,531	194	2,005
Total	8,533	19,265	11,592	25,616	11,553	24,143	12,509	25,253

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 815.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, SEPTEMBER 30, 1961

Red meat supplies totaled 373 million pounds on October 1, down 20 million from a month earlier. These stocks were 8 percent under those of October 1 a year ago but 4 percent greater than average. The reduction of 20 million pounds compares with 58 million during September 1960 and 34 million, the average change for the month. A contraseasonal reduction brought beef holdings down 1 million pounds to 166 million. A year ago at this time, a 9 million pound gain brought beef stocks up to 162 million pounds. Average holdings for October 1 are 136 million pounds while the average gain during September is 3 million pounds. Pork holdings declined seasonally but by an amount smaller than both a year earlier and average. Stocks, at 126 million pounds, were down 13 million since September 1. During September last year, a reduction of 63 million pounds brought stocks down to 158 million pounds. The average September withdrawal is 31 million pounds and average stocks of October 1 are 150 million pounds.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, Sept. 30, 1961 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

Commodity	September 1956-60 av.	September 1960	August 1961	September 1961
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Beef:				
Frozen	125,039	151,762	154,987	153,108
In cure and cured	10,689	10,200	12,261	12,865
Total	135,728	161,962	167,248	165,973
Pork, frozen:				
Picnics	1/	5,009	3,966	3,370
Hams	1/	40,539	16,328	18,967
Bellies	1/	18,813	11,710	4,986
Loins	1/	1/	9,236	5,150
Jowls	1/	1/	2,530	2,118
Butts	1/	1/	3,103	2,589
Spareribs	1/	1/	5,560	6,851
Trimnings	1/	1/	9,798	7,262
Other pork	1/	58,860	44,778	43,668
Total	100,960	123,221	107,009	94,961
Pork in cooler:				
Dry salt bellies	1/	3,705	3,203	1,880
Other dry salt pork	1/	4,344	5,535	4,810
Other pork cuts	1/	26,542	23,234	23,966
Total	48,629	34,591	31,972	30,656
Total pork	149,589	157,812	138,981	125,617
Other meats and meat products:				
Veal, frozen	9,232	9,281	8,203	8,308
Lamb and mutton, frozen	10,351	12,644	23,006	21,253
Canned meats in cooler:				
Hams	2/ 52,542	2/ 61,110	33,641	30,344
Other meats	((21,301	21,054
Total all meats	357,442	402,809	392,380	372,549
Lard, rendered and refined 3/	84,664	92,500	114,100	4/
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/ -				
Pork	4,850	2,695	1,925	2,139
Beef	3,775	3,110	1,816	1,824

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.
Statistical Reporting Service - Agricultural Estimates Division.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP SEPTEMBER 1961

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during September 1961 totaled 728 thousand head, down 7 percent from the 783 thousand head shipped in September last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month, 258 thousand moved through public stockyards and 470 thousand were received direct. The direct movement was 65 percent of the total this September compared with 63 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during July-September 1961 totaled 1,454 thousand head, up 2 percent from the July-September 1960 total.

September shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to 635 thousand head, compared with 722 thousand head during September last year--a decrease of 12 percent. Of the total received during September, 136 thousand came through public markets and 499 thousand were received direct. A total of 1,203 thousand head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these 8 States during July-September 1961, down 13 percent from the total for July-September 1960.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
September 1960 and 1961 ^{1/}

Cattle and Calves

State	Public stock yards		Direct		Total			
	September		September		September		July - September	
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Ohio	12,373	10,470	7,036	3,364	19,409	13,834	33,263	31,642
Indiana	23,476	12,751	44,551	22,893	68,027	35,644	131,508	74,562
Illinois	49,414	37,775	101,700	72,936	151,114	110,711	286,028	233,949
Michigan	8,285	5,423	6,164	4,547	14,449	9,970	23,904	16,494
Minnesota	23,940	22,711	74,665	56,951	98,605	79,662	161,736	135,091
Iowa	122,714	118,254	183,766	185,127	306,480	303,381	520,796	596,004
South Dakota	8,777	16,073	9,301	18,294	18,078	34,367	43,279	82,188
Nebraska	40,113	34,551	66,528	105,497	106,641	140,048	219,034	283,598
Total	289,092		493,711		782,803		1,419,548	
8 States		258,008		469,609		727,617		1,453,528

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio	3,814	7,475	12,884	17,467	16,698	24,942	30,655	49,029
Indiana	2,818	583	12,420	12,134	15,238	12,717	31,301	32,362
Illinois	21,876	18,623	43,658	93,036	65,534	111,659	160,810	204,539
Michigan	455	351	4,711	6,510	5,166	6,861	10,421	9,278
Minnesota	26,612	22,646	70,282	60,618	96,894	83,264	161,201	148,774
Iowa	50,100	45,588	236,901	210,087	287,001	255,675	570,049	499,437
South Dakota	12,892	21,762	22,072	14,894	34,964	36,656	82,980	80,614
Nebraska	51,743	19,096	148,935	84,046	200,678	103,142	338,714	178,839
Total	170,310		551,863		722,173		1,386,131	
8 States		136,124		498,792		634,916		1,202,872

^{1/} Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

Statistical Reporting Service - Crop Reporting Board.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

Commodity	Aug. 1961	Aug. 1960
	Pounds	Pounds
EXPORTS (Domestic) -		
Beef and veal -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	963,456	678,922
Pickled or cured (except canned)	1,291,692	1,824,245
Pork -		
Fresh or frozen (except canned)	2,888,357	1,612,856
Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked	427,939	503,009
Bacon	441,113	304,158
Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n.e.c.	1,277,139	1,547,932
Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc. (ex. canned)	111,156	152,851
Other meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c.	34,049	189,668
Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen	5,099,330	4,671,613
Beef tongues, fresh or frozen	2,984,162	3,216,591
Other variety meats, (edible offal) ex. cnd.n.e.c.	2,849,386	2,646,803
Meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c.	418,194	344,818
Canned meats -		
Beef and veal	114,389	92,469
Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc. n.e.c.	48,640	70,044
Hams and shoulders	42,928	43,687
Other pork, canned	65,492	266,831
Other meat and meat products, n.e.c.	94,851	117,543
Lamb and mutton (except canned)	115,371	154,178
Lard (includes rendered pork fat)	22,110,282	51,185,791
Shortenings, chief wt. animal fat (excl. lard)	255,815	22,640
Tallow, edible	322,357	693,487
Tallow, inedible	127,846,835	109,070,493
Inedible animal oils, n.e.c.	366,590	464,701
Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c.	21,295,254	13,997,456

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

	Aug. 1961	Aug. 1960
	Number	Number
Cattle (for breeding) -		
Dairy	532	1,640
Ex. dairy	317	677
Other (ex. for breeding)	258	817
Hogs	311	588
Sheep	507	1,301

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